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Network

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to reviewing the above-subject application on its merits, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments and remarks be considered and entered.

In The Specification:

Please revise page 1, paragraph 1, of the specification to read as follows:

-- The present application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No.

09/288,622, filed April 9, 1999 and claims priority to the following provisional applications:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORK CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT, U.S.

Serial No. 60/121,425, filed February 23, 1999, and SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

NETWORK MANAGEMENT, U.S. Serial No. 60/121,429, filed February 23, 1999.--